

Romulus News

"the little paper"

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Timely Tidbits ...

Citywide Rummage Sale Continues

The annual Romulus Citywide Rummage Sale that began on Thursday, May 30, will continue through Sunday, June 2.

For a complete list of sale sites, please see page 5.

Joint City-VFW Flag Dedication Planned

In celebration of Flag Day (Friday, June 14), the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation and the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (under the leadership of Commander Bob Williams) will host a flag dedication at the Recreation/Senior Citizens Center (36515 Bibbins) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans who attend will receive a special lapel pin, and there will be refreshments, music, and door prizes as well.

To insure that there are enough pins, veterans are encouraged to preregister. Preregistration is required for entry in the door-prize drawings. (Must be present to win.)

For more information, call the Center at 734-942-6852.

Summer Computer, GED Classes Offered

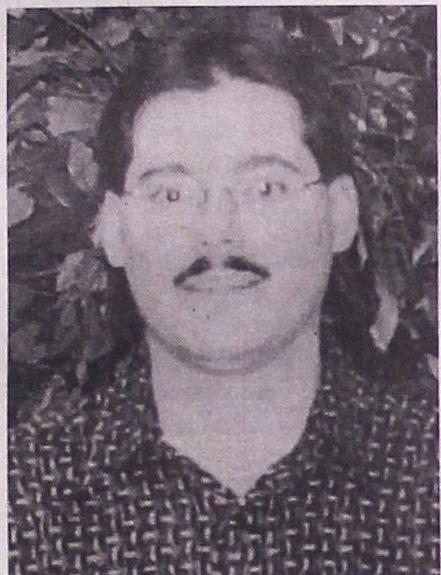
GED preparation and introductory computer classes will be offered this summer through the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education program. GED classes begin in June; computer classes start in July.

To obtain a complete list of the classes that will be offered, and/or to register for classes, drop in at:

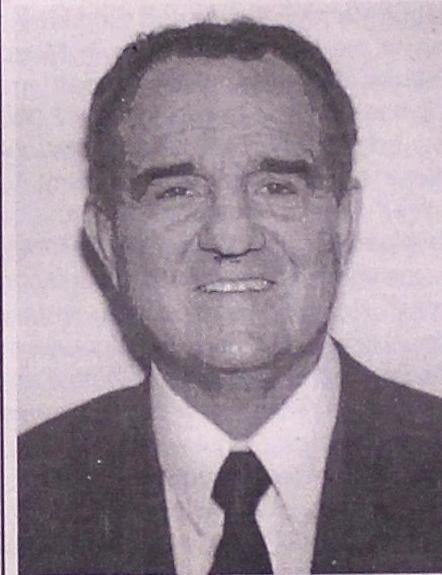
- Mt. Pleasant Community Education Center, 39000 Superior (any weekday);
- Belleville High School, 501 West Columbia (and Monday or Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.); or
- Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Road (any Tuesday or Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.).

For more information, call the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education office: 734-532-1953. □

School Board Candidates Express Views



Troy LaPorte



Kenneth Mientkiewicz



Rendell Wooden

Editor's note: To help voters decide which candidates they will support in the upcoming Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election (set for Monday, June 10), "the little paper" recently distributed a questionnaire to the four candidates who are vying for the two available seats. Three of the candidates returned their questionnaires, which are reprinted (verbatim) below; the fourth, Celeste Roscoe, submitted a "Guest Commentary" piece, instead (see page 3).

The five questions asked of the candidates were deliberately general in format, giving everyone a chance to focus on the issues that they consider to be the most important. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community. No word limit was placed on the responses; candidates were invited to provide as much (or as little) detail as they wished.

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the responses have been arranged alphabetically, according to the candidates' last names.

TROY SCOTT LA PORTE

Age: 34 years old

Education: Romulus Senior High School (graduate class of 1986); International Masonry Institute (apprenticeship 1996); Macomb Community College (certification welding 1997); United States Department of Labor (certified journeyman 1998).

Occupation (past and present):

Journeyman Bricklayer

Professional memberships: Romulus Democratic Club; Bricklayers' Local 1 International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers HERE (Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union)

Military service: (no response)

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member: (no response)

Other community-service work:

Coach Romulus Little League/Tee Ball; Parade of Lights participant; Romulus Clean Sweep; Parent Volunteer in the classroom

Marital status/name of spouse:

Married for 8 years to Judy (Braden) LaPorte graduate R.H.S. class of 1985

Children (if any): Two children that attend Barth Elementary (Travis LaPorte – second grade; Rachel LaPorte – full-time kindergarten)

Number of years as a resident within the school district:

28-year resident of Romulus

Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns: 734-941-8950 or tlaporte@comcast.net

Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?

Romulus has excelled with the technology in our school district. I would like to keep the focus there since it is always changing and improving. We have already provided high-speed Internet access to our schools and established a network that allows communication between the Romulus School District. I would like to see that technology expand a little further by allowing individual families to access school sites directly from their homes. This would allow parents the ability to review their children's lessons, monitor their progress (attendance, grades, behavior) and open the communication between the parent and teacher.

Question #2: Of all the actions/policies adopted by the Board in the past five years, which one would you most like to see changed? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position (if elected), and the fact that your vote would be but one of seven, how would you go about accomplishing such a change?

Our school district has provided and improved many things over the last five years. I have not been able to attend all of the meetings or read up on every policy that they have passed or turned down in the last five years. Which enables me to single out one issue or policy that I would like to see changed at this time.

Within my term I would work with the Parents, School Officials and fellow School Board members to update past policies and create new policies to enhance the quality of our schools.

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with a Small Salad
and Breadstix.

NEW!

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or Veal
Parmesan
Dinner
Includes
Tossed Salad and
Breadstix.

BUY A BIG BARN BURGER

or
**FISH
SANDWICH**
and Get a
**FREE
SODA POP**

Guest Commentary

Candidate Shares Qualifications, Views

By Celeste Roscoe

I am a life long resident of Romulus. I have been married to Robert Roscoe for 28 years. He is an employee of the City of Romulus Department of Public Works. We have three children. Katrina, who graduated from the Romulus High school in 1992. She attended 4 years of college and is now employed by The Ford Motor Company as a Fire and Asset Protection Officer. She is married to Jody Whitehill. Philip, is currently a 9th grade student at the Romulus High School and Carl is in the 6th grade at Wick Elementary. Both of my boys are very active in athletics, band and community service. I achieved my high school education through the Romulus School district with extended courses in adult education for mathematics, accounting and computers. For the past 6 years I have been employed in the accounting department at Detroit Automatic Tooling, located here in Romulus. My employer takes an active concern in our school district by employing students through the Co-Op program from the High School. I am a second-generation parent volunteer and I am striving to teach my children to be active and concerned citizens within our community.

My past and present involvements include:

- Parent volunteer in our schools
- Girl Scouts/Brownies at Barth Elementary
- Cub Scouts at Barth, Wick and St. Aloysius School
- Boy Scout Troop #872, current Advancement Chairman
- Romulus Little League Baseball, Treasurer
- Romulus Athletic Club, Secretary
- Sunday school & Jr. Church, Teacher
- Member of the Toledo Freewill Baptist Church

My many endorsements for the position on the Romulus School Board include:

- Teamster Union #214 and joint council #43
- The Romulus Democratic Club
- The Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council
- Romulus School District employees within Local #64

Over the last few weeks I have heard many concerns involving our schools from the community. One of the more frequently asked question is when are we going to get a tax break? This is always a hard subject to address because the cost of quality education, maintenance and technology is continually climbing. But I have seen where Gov.

Engler's 1994 Proposal A is coming under fire. Some are wanting changes made to the proposal. When Proposal A went into effect homeowners across the state were to receive a tax deduction. But Romulus was 1 of 10 districts told that our ratio of spending per student was to high to receive the reduction. As a community we choose to make excellent education a priority but in the long run the state punished us for that. I want to stay informed regarding the possibility of changes to Proposal A and how to see it through in order to get further assistance for our district.

Other concerns are the continuing of tutoring, reading and reteaching programs now that our grant from the Century 21 program is coming to an end. I want to see that we continue these very important helps for our students. I believe we work very hard as a district to see that no student is ever left behind due to lack of extra teaching aids. I do know of teachers who use their lunch hours to help students who are struggling, parents who come in and volunteer time in the classroom and students who help younger students. But the continuation of our after school programs are a must.

We will always face changing and challenging issues. Some can be addressed immediately; others honestly need more research and study before we can comment correctly. My desire as a Romulus School Board member is to be a dedicated and strong voice for our children and citizens, to work hard and effectively with parents, teachers, administrators and other board members towards continuing the positive growth of excellent education for Romulus. Being involved in a lifetime family owned landscaping company I have dealt first hand with the needs of budgets and future financial planning in order to continue successfully year to year. I believe this knowledge makes me very capable of effectively working with the board and school administration in making good progressive decisions. Being an involved parent for over 20 years has given me a lot of experience dealing with many changes our district has been though. This knowledge can only help me deal with the many decisions and changes to come.

Please you to take an active role in our schools and our community. Please begin by making the election on Monday June 10 a priority, as I plan to make our schools and our community my priority.

Editor's note: As with the questionnaire responses, the "Guest Commentary" column is reprinted verbatim. □

School Board Candidates Express Their Views Through Questionnaire Responses

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Question #3: During that same five-year period, what do you believe has been the Board's single biggest success? How would you further improve upon it?

One of the newest options Romulus School District offered was All Day Kindergarten on a first come first serve basis. As well as Half-Day Kindergarten. I am in favor of All Day Kindergarten offered to all children. It is beneficial for children to attend All-Day Kindergarten to meet the States required testing.

I would work with the Community and the School Administration to make this an option for all children.

Question #4: A number of additions/improvements funded by the bond issue approved in 1999 are either already complete or currently underway. In your opinion, what should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?

Our major project should focus on the main capital improvements; make necessary repairs to normal wear and tear and life safety issues.

To maintain our schools all projects should be funded from Federal and State money.

Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

I would like to be part of the decision making process in the future of the children in our community. We need to start motivating children when they are young and keep them focused all throughout their school years. Parents must stay involved with their children's lives, academics, friends, and social activities. Especially keeping them motivated and letting them know that school is the most important accomplishment that they can do.

I have children in the school district, which keeps me involved with their academics and the happenings going on in and around the community. I have a lot of ideas that can enhance the future of our Romulus Community Schools.

(Endorsed by: Mayor Alan Lambert; Romulus Democratic Club; The Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council.)

KENNETH MIENTKIEWICZ

Age: 59

Education: Graduate of Romulus Senior High School, Class of 1961; Graduate of Eastern Michigan University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education – 1966; Earned a Master's Degree in Guidance & Counseling from Eastern Michigan University – 1971

Occupation (past and present): My teaching career began in 1966 at Cherry Hill High School in Inkster. I taught Business classes and coached Junior Varsity Football and eventually moved up to coach Varsity Football and Varsity Baseball. In 1980, I moved into Guidance and Counseling at Cherry Hill. When the Cherry Hill School District merged with Wayne Westland Schools in 1986, I remained in Guidance and Counseling at both Wayne and John Glenn High Schools until I retired in 1998. During the last three years at John Glenn, I was head of the counseling department in charge of eight counselors and two full time secretaries.

Professional memberships: Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, Michigan High School Coaches Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association

Military service: N/A

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member: Member of St. Stephen's Church, Past member of the Romulus Planning Commission, Current member of the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals, Member of Romulus Rotary Club

Other community-service work:

Rotary Highway Cleanup, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing, St. Stephen's Endowment Fund Board Member, St. Stephen's Festival Booth Chairman, St. Stephen's Endowment Fund Golf Outing, Romulus Rotary Children Identification Booth at the Pumpkin Festival

Marital status/name of spouse:

Married 35 years to Bonnie

Children (if any): Ken Jr. graduated in 1986 from Romulus High School and from Eastern Michigan

University in 1991. He is currently employed as a Purchaser for Kmart Corporation at their world headquarters in Troy. Jennifer graduated in 1992 from Romulus High School and from Madonna University in 1996. She is currently employed as a Kindergarten teacher. Kimberly graduated in 1996 from Romulus High School and from Western Michigan University in 2001 with a Double Major in French and Mathematics Secondary Education. Steven graduated from Romulus High School in 2000 and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University pursuing a degree in Social Studies Secondary Education. He is currently employed by Romulus Community Schools as a Video Technician and by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority Metroparks.

Number of years as a resident within the school district:

59 years

Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:

734-941-4345

Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?

My campaign platform is very simple – the students must come first. We need to provide them with the proper skills and knowledge to be successful after graduation. Our vocational education department has done a good job providing our students with excellent training and job skills to offer future employers.

I feel more can be done for the college bound student. We need to offer more college prep classes and change our schedule to allow students to fit all of the classes they want to take into their daily schedule. This may require going to block scheduling to allow the students to take more than 6 classes per semester. In the past students could not take all the classes they wanted because of the classes being offered only once a day and at the same time as other popular courses. Another option might be TV instruction for courses that fewer students would opt to take such as calculus. Several small districts do this now by having an instructor teach a course to several different schools through the use of TV.

Question #2: Of all the actions/policies adopted by the Board in the past five years, which one would you most like to see changed? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position (if elected), and the fact that your vote would be but one of seven, how would you go about accomplishing such a change?

The Board's recent action of evaluating the superintendent in private needs to be changed. The public has the right to know how the Board feels about the job he is doing, his strengths and weaknesses, what suggestions they have for improvement and provide an overall grade of the evaluation.

Change can only be accomplished by having strong arguments to make the change. You must be reasonable in your thinking, use logic and be willing to listen to all points of view. If you are convinced the change is for the best, then you must work with all board members to help them understand your view and why the change is needed. You must present facts that support the value this change will bring to the district. A major part of your argument must show the board members the problem with the old policy and why it is wrong to keep it in effect.

Question #3: During that same five-year period, what do you believe has been the Board's single biggest success? How would you further improve upon it?

I feel their biggest success was the contract settlement with all the district labor unions. This labor peace has improved the overall atmosphere in the system. To improve upon this, we need to continue to settle fair and equitable contracts with the unions. We must continue to use these people as resources to solve problems in the district, by seeking their input, ideas and knowledge to save the district money. Let's build pride and self esteem in our employees. Make them feel good about themselves and take pride in their work.

Question #4: A number of additions/improvements funded by the bond issue approved in 1999 are either already complete or currently underway. In your opinion, what should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?

We have improved buildings, athletic facilities, computers and other equipment. Now it is time to improve classroom conditions, specifically class size. We need to make sure all classes have a teacher to student ratio that will allow for maximum teaching and learning. This class size must be in effect for all grade levels K-12. In looking at the monthly bills for payment I see a lot of areas where we can tighten our belts. By reducing spending on items that are out of line, such as conferences, food, automobile expenses and programs that do not help students and the learning environment. I know after having an opportunity to study the full budget I can find several other areas of excessive spending, money that can go towards hiring additional teachers to lower class size. Funding can be handled from current taxes and the future increase in tax dollars from new homes and businesses moving into Romulus.

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Approximately 130 households are taking part in a City-wide "rummage sale" that began May 30 and will continue through June 2. (If two or more dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to June 6-9.) For your convenience, the City has compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make unfamiliar streets easier to find. (Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates.)

2 = FRIDAY, MAY 31; 3 = SATURDAY, JUNE 1; 4 = SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Downtown Romulus

36890 Ferndale (2, 3)
36915 Ferndale (3, 4)
11088 Gabriel (2, 3)
36723 Goddard (3, 4)
36911 Goddard (2, 3, 4)
37104 Goddard (2, 3, 4)
35585 Grant (2, 3)
36980 Grant (2, 3)
11435 Hunt (2, 3, 4)
37487 Huron River Drive (2, 3)
11128 Olive (2, 3, 4)
11620 Olive (2, 3, 4)
36886 Porter (2, 3, 4)
37056 Porter (2, 3, 4)
37065 Porter (2, 3, 4)
36511 Romulus (2, 3, 4)
36528 Romulus (2, 3, 4)
11439 St. Aloysius (2, 3, 4)
11038 Shook (2, 3)
12080 Wayne (2, 3, 4)

Huron Estates/Mt. Pleasant School

15515 Aspen Drive (3, 4)
37601 Barth (2, 3, 4)
37710 Barth (2, 3, 4)
38670 Barth (2, 3, 4)
37613 Castle (2, 3)
38116 Castle (2, 3, 4)
38309 Castle (2, 3)
13592 Cogswell (2, 3, 4)
14436 Cogswell (3, 4)
10993 Hannan (2, 3)
12625 Hannan (3, 4)
39225 Huron River Drive (2, 3, 4)
38570 Superior (3, 4)
38447 Wabash (2, 3, 4)
38945 Wabash (2, 3, 4)
38701 Wade (2, 3, 4)
38739 Wade (2, 3, 4)
39001 Wade (3, 4)
37457 Walnut (2, 3, 4)

Wayne Road/McDonald's

9320 Barry (2, 3, 4)
9345 Barry (2, 3)
9360 Biddle (2, 3, 4)
9369 Biddle (2, 3, 4)
9465 Chamberlain (2, 3, 4)
9294 Essex (2, 3, 4)
9672 Essex (2)
34891 Julie (3, 4)
9453 Karen (2, 3)
9329 Lisa (2, 3)
34324 Lynn (2, 3, 4)
34345 Lynn (2, 3, 4)
34348 Lynn (2, 3, 4)
34833 Lynn (3, 4)
35061 Lynn (2, 3, 4)
9622 Marc (2, 3)
9705 Michael (2, 3, 4)
9726 Michael (2, 3, 4)
9750 Michael (2, 3)
35079 Michelle (2, 3, 4)
34808 Stewart (2)
9633 Washington (2, 3, 4)
9322 Wayne (2, 3)
34581 Wick (2, 3, 4)
34909 Wick (2, 3, 4)
Wick to Eureka, East of Middlebelt
11560 Inkster (2, 3, 4)

Hannan to Wayne/Van Born to I-94

36894 Chase (2, 3, 4)
8110 Cogswell (2, 3, 4)
8755 Cogswell (3)
9251 Cogswell (2, 3, 4)
9429 Cogswell (3)
37011 Herman (2, 3, 4)
37500 Herman (2, 3, 4)
6365 Heyer (2, 3, 4)
37198 Menton (2, 3, 4)
10382 Miriam (2, 3, 4)
9261 Ozga (2, 3)
10231 Ozga (3, 4)
10731 Ozga (3, 4)
35666 Ronald (2, 3, 4)
35664 Smith (2, 3, 4)
10048 Sterling (3, 4)
10355 Sterling (2, 3, 4)
11015 Sterling (2, 3, 4)
9782 Tobine (2, 3)
38300 Tyler (2, 3, 4)
38367 Tyler (2, 3, 4)
37615 Wick (2, 3, 4)

Wayne to Inkster/Van Born to I-94

6554 Ball (3, 4)
6868 Ball (2, 3, 4)
6916 Ball (2, 3, 4)
32106 Bruce (3, 4)
31501 Ecorse (2, 3, 4)
35209 Ecorse (3, 4)
5947 Newberry (2, 3, 4)
32945 Sandpiper Drive (3, 4)
29090 Smith (2, 3, 4)
6609 Washington (2, 3, 4)
6002 West Maple (2, 3, 4)

Halecreek Subdivision

27957 Arbor Court (2, 3, 4)
15807 Birch Court (2, 3, 4)
28448 Cherry (2, 3, 4)
28518 Cherry (2, 3, 4)
13575 Harrison (2, 3, 4)
15721 Harrison (2, 3, 4)
14140 Inkster (2, 3, 4)
15340 Inkster (3, 4)

16305 Ironstone Lane (3, 4)
28806 Leroy (2, 3, 4)
15143 Meadow (2, 3, 4)
15101 Woodmont (3, 4)
15343 Woodmont (2, 3, 4)

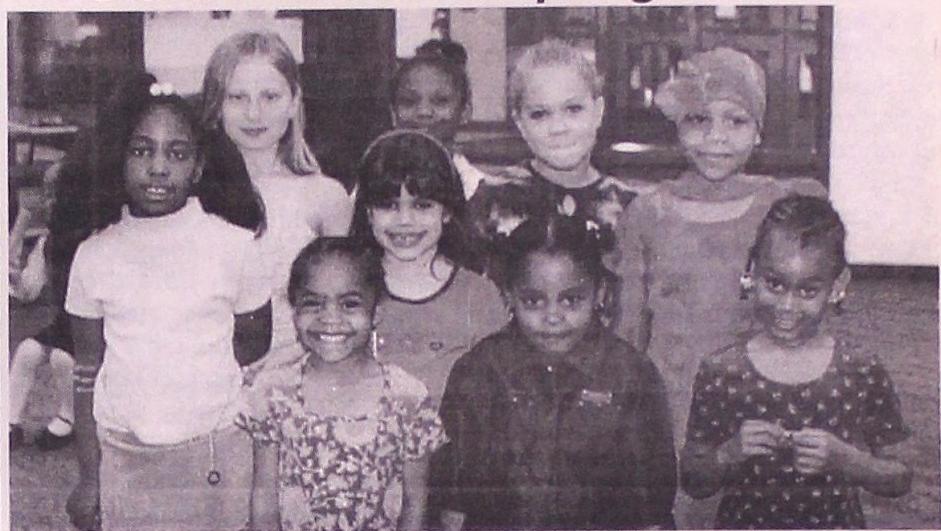
Oakbrook Subdivision

15506 Brandt (3, 4)
15549 Brandt (2, 3, 4)
16264 Brandt (2, 3, 4)
15433 Colbert (2, 3, 4)
15769 Colbert (2, 3, 4)
15449 Collins (2, 3)
30701 Halecreek (2, 3, 4)
30715 Halecreek (2, 3, 4)
30729 Halecreek (2, 3, 4)
30052 Jamestown (2, 3)
30523 Leroy (2, 3, 4)
16147 Merriman (2, 3, 4)
30039 Spain (2, 3, 4)
15557 Taft (2, 3, 4)
15818 Taft (3, 4)

Middlebelt/Pennsylvania Roads

16054 Dodge (2, 3)
16115 Dodge (2, 3, 4)
16356 Dodge (2, 3, 4)

Students Present Spring Concert



Preparing for their spring vocal-music concert were Romulus Elementary students (from left): front – Javona Williams, Kennedi Boler, and Karyna Smith; middle – Kayla Patterson, Jenna Bragg, Lauren Nieznaiski, Brittany Frances, and Adrianna Williams; back – Tiffany Brown.

Roscoe Earns Eagle Badge

Philip Roscoe, a sophomore at Romulus High School, was recently awarded the highly coveted Boy Scout Eagle Badge in a special ceremony held at the High School. Roscoe's Scout Master, Tom Witherow of Troop #872, noted that fewer than one in a hundred scouts are able to achieve this ultimate honor in Scouting.

Special proclamations were delivered by Betty Lenossi, Secretary of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education; Herbert Buckley, Director of the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation; Mark Lewkowicz, who read several congratulatory commendations from local civic organizations like the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce; and State Representative Raymond E. Basham, who read a resolution from the State of Michigan.

The resolution from the school dis-

trict praised Roscoe for his perseverance and dedication to Scouting as well as his extensive community-service record, which culminated in a landscape project to improve the landmark Kingsley House in Romulus Historic Park. It also noted his many commendations from U.S. military services, Governor John Engler, past presidents, sports stars, and entertainment greats.

The City's resolution declared Saturday, May 4, 2002 as Philip Roscoe Day in Romulus and congratulated him on his outstanding achievement.

The extensive and impressive ceremony featured many local and regional Boy Scout officials who led Roscoe through the oath, challenge, and accolade portions of the program. His parents, Robert and Celeste Roscoe, honored Philip with a dinner in the school cafeteria after the ceremonies. □



Philip Roscoe (center) was presented with the prestigious Eagle Scout badge during a recent ceremony attended by proud parents Celeste and Robert Roscoe.

School Board Candidates Express Views

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Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

I am seeking election to the Board of Education because I can make a difference. There are a number of things that I have observed in the district that need improvement. I am not afraid to ask questions, investigate what is going on and bring this information to the proper people and stick with this item until it is corrected.

My educational background makes me the best candidate for this job. I have been a teacher, counselor, coach and department head. I have had the opportunity to work with all levels of administration. Through coaching I have had experience with budgets, scheduling, handling discipline and working with a wide variety of people. In counseling I have experience in developing curriculum, administering the MEAP, ACT and SAT tests and interpreting results of these tests to students and parents. Countless hours have been spent with students and parents in filling out college applications, financial aid forms, scholarship applications and helping them make the best possible decision for their future. With my varied background in the field of education, I feel I can draw upon my diverse experience to be an effective board member who will take the time to explore the entire district and help find the best solution to problems that arise.

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RENDELL WOODEN

Age: (no response)

Education: graduate of Romulus High School

Occupation (past and present):

City of Romulus – Clerk's Office
28 years as election clerk

Professional memberships: Member of the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association

Military service: N/A

Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member: House of God Church, Romulus, MI

Other community-service work:
(no response)

Marital status/name of spouse:
single

Children (if any): two children

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Number of years as a resident within the school district:

life long resident of Romulus

Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns: (no response)

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Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?

Fiscal responsibility. Make sure that as much of the budget benefits students, keeping in mind that over 80% of the budget goes for all salaries and benefits of employees throughout the Romulus school district.

Question #2: Of all the actions/policies adopted by the Board in the past five years, which one would you most like to see changed? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position (if elected), and the fact that your vote would be but one of seven, how would you go about accomplishing such a change?

The effort to reduce property taxes. I would do this by taking the responsibility off the homestead property owner and transferring it to commercial business.

Question #3: During that same five-year period, what do you believe has been the Board's single biggest success? How would you further improve upon it?

The passing of the previous bond proposals which allowed the building of a new elementary school and additions to all schools in the district. My improvement would be to come to an agreement with the teacher contract.

Question #4: A number of additions/improvements funded by the bond issue approved in 1999 are either already complete or currently underway. In your opinion, what should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?

The school district should continue the effort of working with the city to build a multi-recreation complex. The school district cannot continue to provide the bulk of recreation for the parents and students of Romulus.

Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

I am seeking a Board of Education seat because I believe in education. I believe Romulus has one of the best managed districts in the state, and as a lifelong resident with a child in the Romulus Middle School, I share the same concerns as many of you. I have worked in government for over 28 years and with this experience, I want to share my wisdom and become a member of the Board of Education. □



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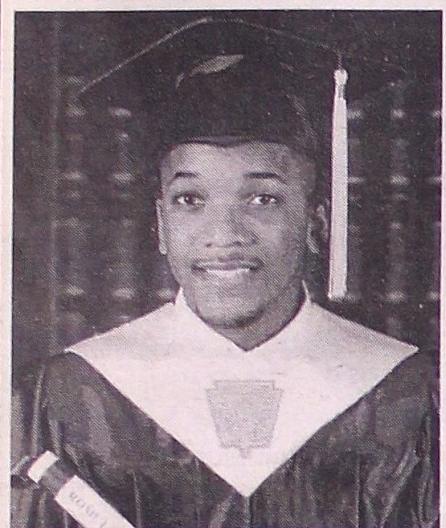
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Awards Program Recognized Exceptional Students



Jerome Gray

Earlier this month, Romulus High School held its annual Awards Night program to recognize members of the Class of 2002 for their exceptional achievements.

Valedictorian: Jerome Gray

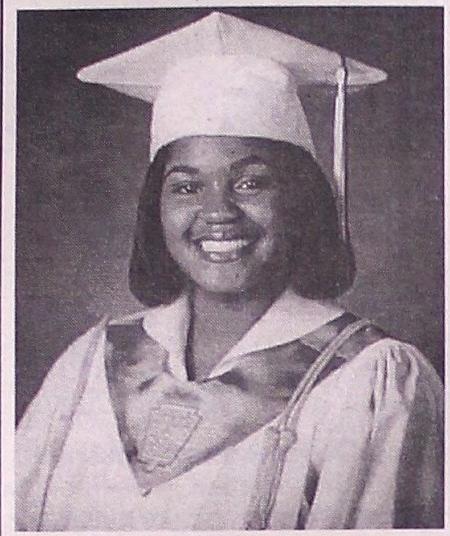
Valedictorian Jerome Gray set a high academic standard for his fellow classmates, achieving a four-year grade point average of 3.995.

Gray won a variety of awards, including an \$8,000 Bert-Price Diversity Scholarship to Grand Valley State University and a \$2,500 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Merit Scholarship, and was also distinguished with several additional honors, including awards from the U.S. Marine Corps, Phi Beta Kappa, the Social Studies Department, and the prestigious Presidential Education Commission.

He was active in school groups such as National Honor Society (where he served as Secretary), Student Council, Principal's Advisory Committee, Spanish Club, Business Professionals of America, and the marching and symphonic bands.



Maintaining the 10 best grade point averages in Romulus High School's Class of 2002 were (from left): front row – Deana Hunter (sixth), Chrystal Blair (tenth), Jasmine Mark (seventh), Antoinette Price (salutatorian), and Jerome Gray (valedictorian); back row – Amber Keely (eighth), Cortney Daniels (fifth), Elizabeth Caburet (fourth), and Kristen Singer (third). (Not pictured, Arekeyta Porter, ninth.)



Antoinette Price

This fall, he plans to attend Grand Valley State to study psychology.

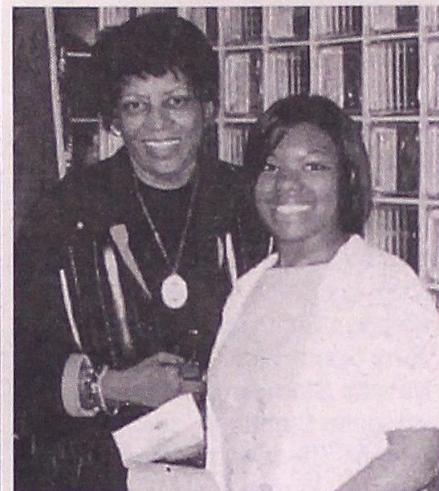
Gray has an older brother, Myron, who is a 2002 graduate of Siena Heights College with a degree in business administration, and a sister, Tiffany, who is a seventh-grade honor student and symphonic band member at Romulus Middle School. His father, Michael, works for General Motors, while his mother, LaJuan, is a homemaker.

Salutatorian: Antoinette Price

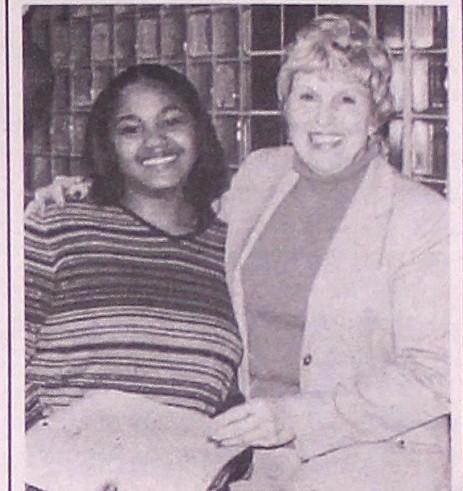
Salutatorian Antoinette Price maintained a grade point average of 3.920 during her four years of study at Romulus High School.

Price was the recipient of a \$2,500 MEAP Merit Scholarship as well as several local community awards, including a \$1,000 scholarship from the Romulus High School Alumni Association, the \$750 Romulus Association of School Administrators Scholarship, and the \$500 Ray Kroc Scholarship. She additionally received a Certificate of Merit from the Society of Women Engineers, awards from both the Mathematics and

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Mildred Washington (left), former teacher, gave a \$250 personal scholarship to Jasmine Mark.



Chris Powers (right) gave a \$750 Romulus Schools Administrators scholarship to Antoinette Price.



(From left) Romulus Board of Education Treasurer and Athletic Booster Cheryle Buckley was proud to present Booster Club Awards to Jennifer Ottenbreit (\$250), Deana Hunter (\$500), Andrea Gibson (\$250), Ebitari Burutolu (\$500), Larry Brown (\$250), Tiffany Ash (\$250), and Patrice Beasley (\$250).



RHS math teacher Kathy Abdo (center) was pleased to present Chrystal Blair (left) and Kristen Singer with \$1,000 scholarships from the Romulus Education Association.

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Science departments, the Principal's Leadership Award, a Presidential Education Award, and special recognition from Phi Beta Kappa.

She was active in several school organizations, including National Honor Society (where she served as President), Student Council, Robotics Club, Business Professionals of America, French Club (which provided her with the opportunity to travel to France), and Concert Band.

This fall, she plans to begin her pre-med studies at the University of Michigan in the School of Literature, Arts, and Sciences.

Price's brother, Anthony Jr., is a freshman at Romulus High School. Her father, Anthony Sr., is employed at the Ford Motor Company's Livonia Transmission Plant; her mother, Sandra, works at University of Michigan Hospital.

Academic Honors/Kiwanis Awards

Note: Students are listed according to their grade-point ranking.

Jerome Gray, Antoinette Price, Kristen Singer, Elizabeth Caburet, Cortney Daniels, Deana Hunter, Jasmine Mark, Amber Keely, Arekeyta Porter, Chrystal Blair, John Schenavar, Christopher Moore, Nicholas Smith, Chianta Wyatt, Stephen Potoczek, David Cox, Angela Zajac, Gary Lee, Angela Bowdler, Amber Barnes, Melissa Thornton, Amelia McCray, Stephanie Durtka, Kelly Carroll, Leah Cotham, Katherine Kortas, Krista Alley, Devon Mootry, Brandon Demoisey, Daniel Patterson, Ebitari Burutolu, Amanda Bassett, Amy Bowman, Christina Tieppo, Sarah Hall, Adam Gibbons, Deborah Fox, Kara Coughlin, Melissa Smallwood, Andrea Marosan, Shameah Abraham, Nicole Bills, Lonnie McCollum, Shanelle Bishop, Larry Brown, Roger Chapman, Jazzmen Medley, Richard Davidson, Rubens Paillere, Jennifer Davis, Jeremy Hendricks, and Scott Kennedy.

Department Awards

- Shameah Abraham (English)
- Amy Bowman (choir)
- Sarah Breeding (band)
- Kelly Carroll (journalism; yearbook)
- Jennifer Case (culinary arts)
- Davyn Cuffee (student government)
- Cortney Daniels (band; physics)
- Dominique Daniels (student government)
- Carly Gentile (band)
- Jerome Gray (Elizabeth Zulkey/social studies)
- Fred Harbor (physical education)
- Jennifer Harper (band)
- Ileena Hill (choir)
- Justin Jackson (culinary arts)
- Amanda Judy (English)
- Amelia McCray (band; French; psychology)
- Devon Mootry (accounting)
- Elizabeth Murphy (choir)
- Dana Noble (dance; drama)

- Jennifer Ottenbreit (government; physical education)
- Albert Pilloci (technical education)
- Crystal Ponders (culinary arts)
- Arekeyta Porter (business)
- Antoinette Price (math; outstanding science)
- John Schenavar (technical education)
- Kristen Singer (chemistry; Spanish)
- Nicholas Smith (computer science)
- Stephen Smith (choir)
- Terry Speer (health)
- Natisha Starnes (home economics)
- Bridgette Stephens (culinary arts)
- Melissa Thornton (biology)
- Kanetra Warren (co-op)
- Carlen Weidemann (industrial technology)
- Angela Zajac (band)

Kiwanis Vocational Awards

- Nicole Bills (health)
- Adam Gibbons (photo/video tech)
- Jasmine Mark (co-op)
- Maida Mulaosmanovic (marketing)
- Joysica Rogers (culinary arts)
- Bridget Stephens (office education)

Four-year Varsity Awards

- Patrice Beasley (basketball)
- Rachel Broom (tennis)
- Roger Chapman (golf, wrestling)
- Nicholas Druyor (wrestling)
- Andrea Gibson (tennis)
- Fred Harbor (track)
- Deana Hunter (tennis)
- Dana Noble (track)
- Charles Searcy (track)

Miscellaneous Awards

- Chrystal Blair (community service)
- Roger Chapman (U.S. Marine Corps)
- Jerome Gray (U.S. Marine Corps)
- Brandon Hicks (community service)
- Jasmine Mark (Bausch & Lomb science)
- Michael Sandusky (U.S. Marine Corps)

Presidential Education Awards

Jerome Gray, Antoinette Price, Kristen Singer, Elizabeth Caburet, Cortney Daniels, and Deana Hunter.

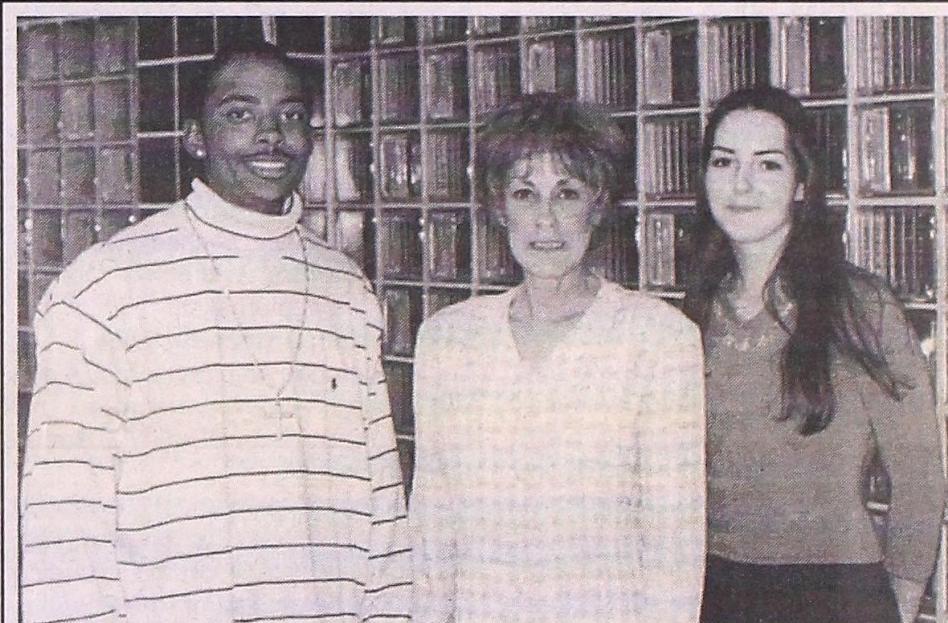
\$2,500 MEAP Awards

Richard Amolsch, Amber Barnes, Amanda Bassett, Chrystal Blair, Amy Bowman, Rachel Broom, Elizabeth Caburet, Jennifer Camilleri, Kelly Carroll, Roger Chapman, Jennifer Cornelius, Leah Cotham, Kara Coughlin, Joshua Cutliff, Cortney Daniels, Richard Davidson, Brandon Demoisey, Stephanie Durtka, Crystal Flood, Carly Gentile, Andrea Gibson, Jerome Gray, Brandon Hicks, Frederick Hubbard, Deana Hunter, Amber Keely, Katherine Kortas, Brandon Malott, Jasmine Mark, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Donald Mongrain, Christopher Moore, Devon Mootry, Sean Mullins, Michael Murphy, Rubens Paillere, Asia Pankey, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Nicholas Smith, Teri Speer,

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Alfaye Woods (second from right), co-chair of the Romulus High School Alumni Association, presented awards to (from left) Jerome Gray (free lifetime membership for class valedictorians), Antoinette Price (\$1,000), Larry Brown (\$500), Jasmine Mark (\$500), and (not pictured) Leah Cotham (\$500).



Sue Markus (center) presented the first Mikey C. Markus scholarship (\$500) for automotive technical education to Melvin Stewart. Also present was Markus's granddaughter, Andrea Deline, last year's valedictorian.



Ron Hopson (center) presented a total of \$4,000 in scholarships from the Romulus Rotary Club to Chrystal Blair (left; \$500), Sarah Hall (right, \$1,000), and (not pictured) Arekeyta Porter (\$1,000), Leah Cotham (\$1,000), and Rahila Haq (\$500).

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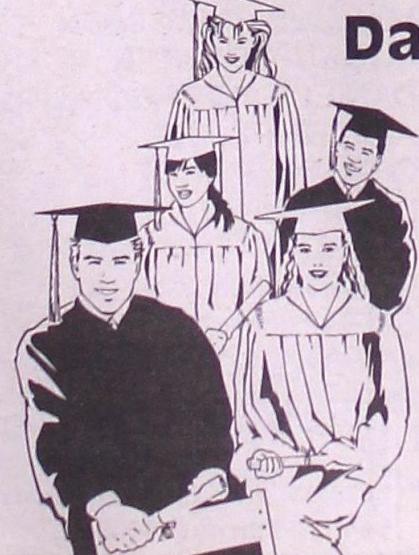
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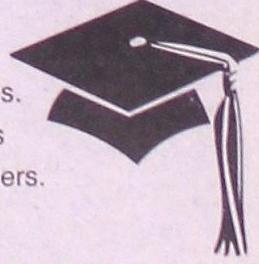
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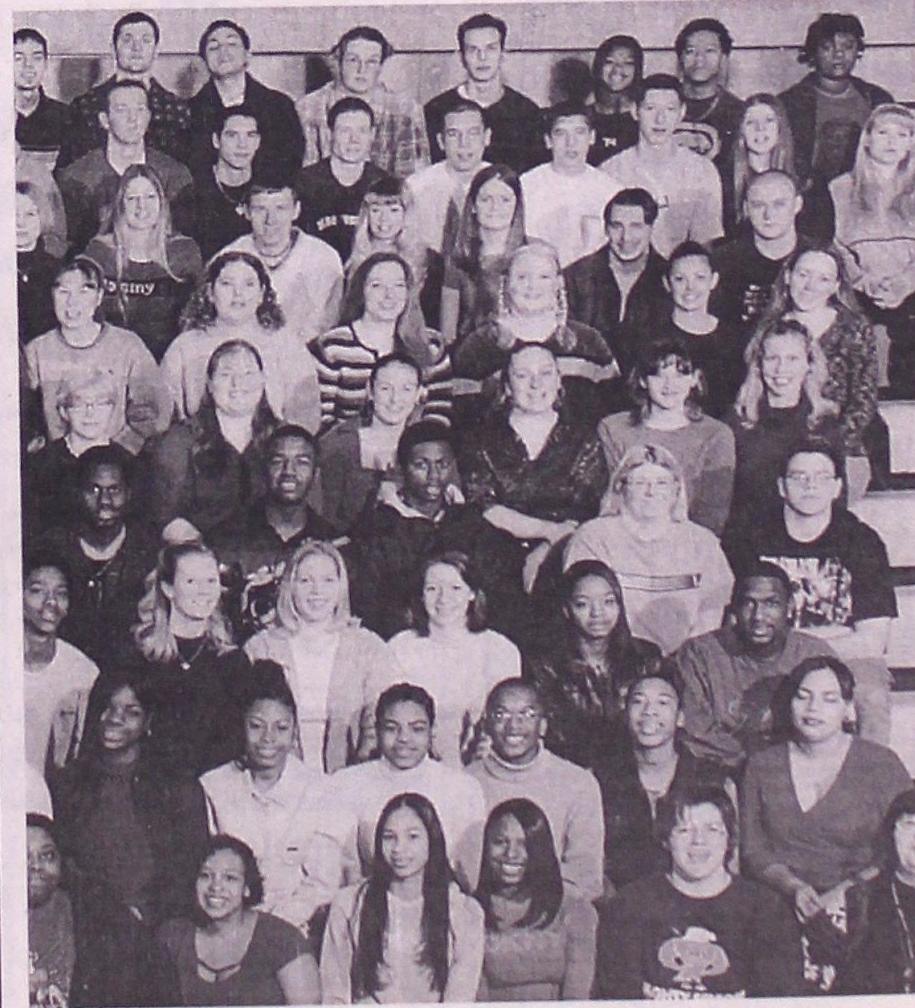
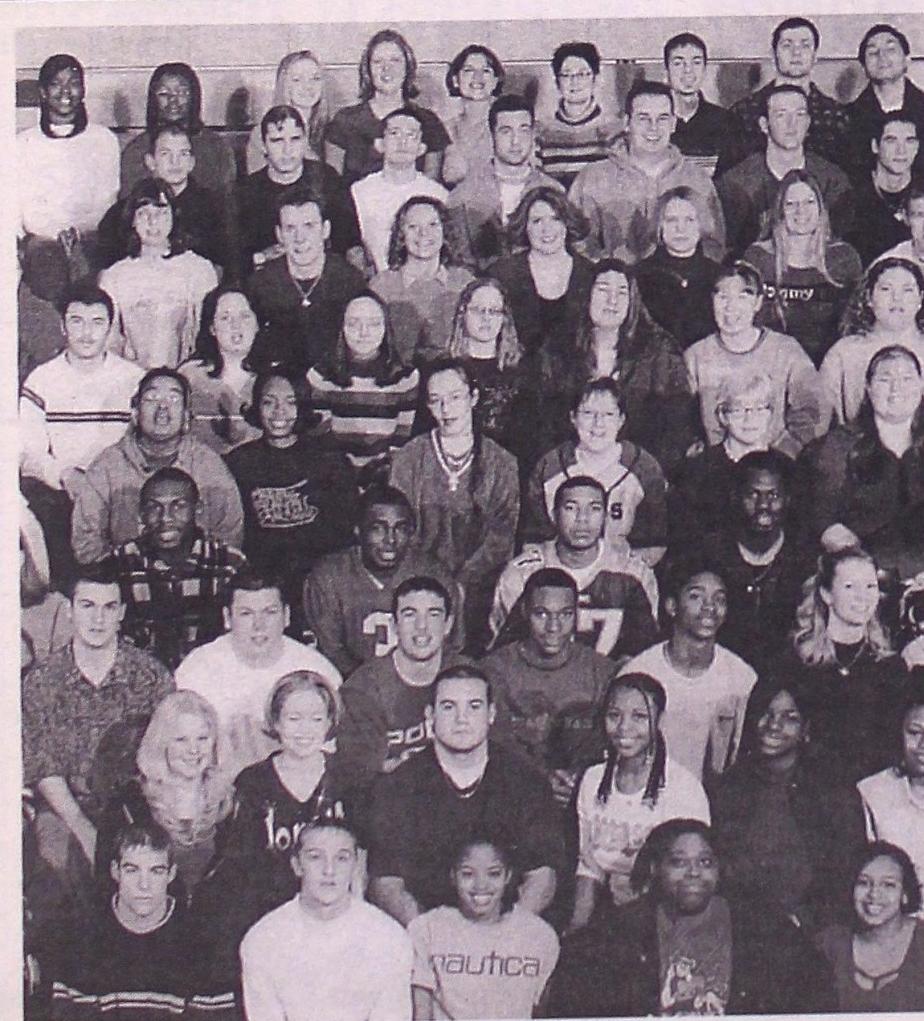
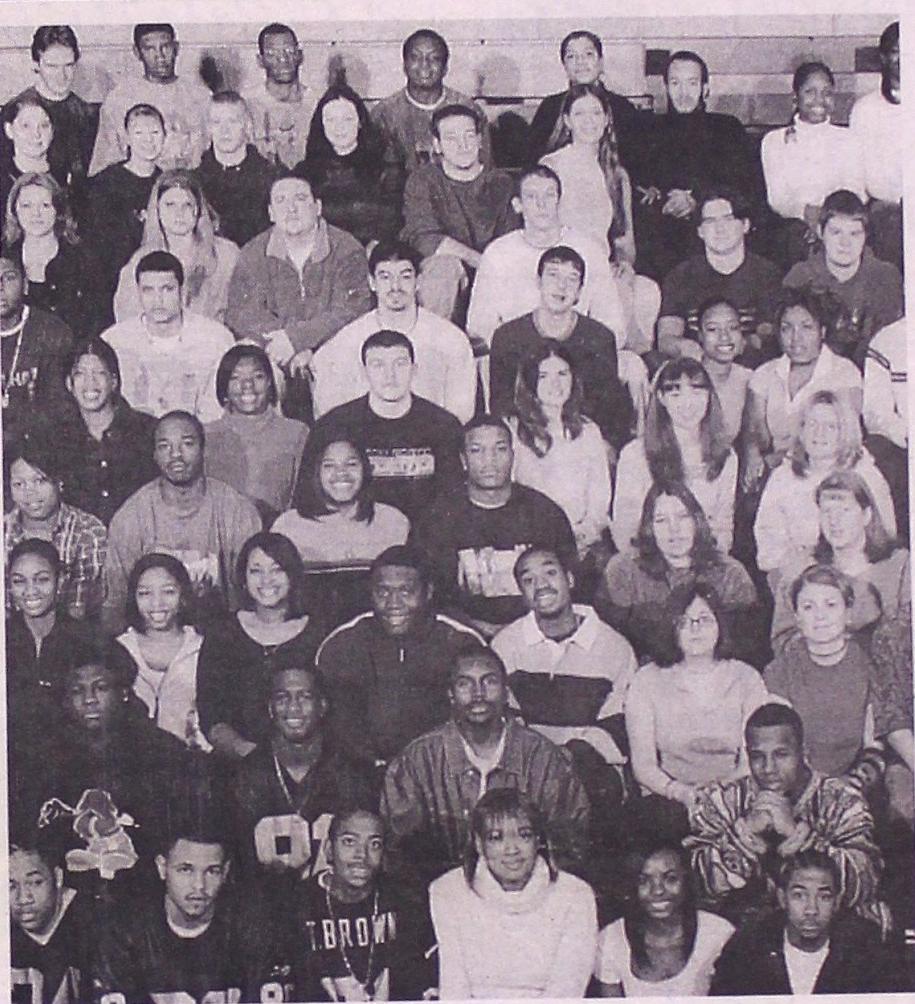
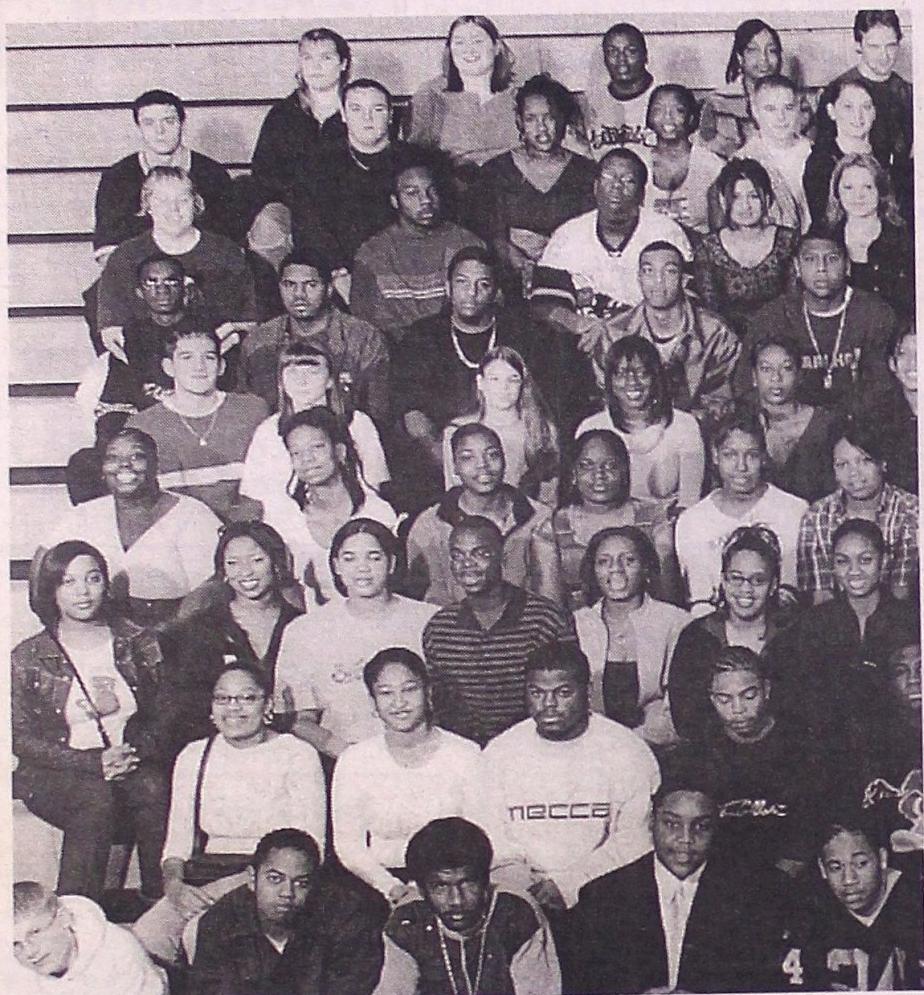
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Thirteen years of perseverance will pay off on Saturday, June 8, 2002, when members of the senior class at Romulus High School attend their graduation ceremony and receive their hard-earned diplomas. We congratulate them on a job well done, and hope that their futures are filled with happiness and success.

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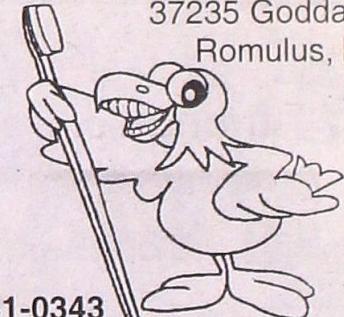
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Donald Morris, Supervisor
Maintenance and Operations

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This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire a personal copy, please notify the Director of Maintenance and Operations at our Administrative Offices and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our Administrative Offices are located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedure for dealing with this problem reflects that concern.

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- Patrice Beasley (Romulus Booster Club – \$250)
- Chrystal Blair (Romulus Education Association Memorial – \$1,000; Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary Club – \$500)
- Larry Brown (Romulus Booster Club – \$250; Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$500)
- Ebitari Burutolu (Romulus Booster Club – \$500)
- Leah Cotham (Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$500; Romulus Rotary Club/Dr. Elmer Goerke Memorial – \$1,000)
- Andrea Gibson (Romulus Booster Club – \$250; Special Tree – \$500)
- Sarah Hall (Romulus Rotary Club/Ed Baum Memorial – \$1,000)
- Rahila Haq (Romulus Rotary Club – \$500)
- Tiffany Henderson (Lorena Burton – \$500; Romulus Booster Club – \$250)
- Brandon Hicks (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force – \$1,000)
- Deana Hunter (Romulus Booster Club – \$500)
- Jasmine Mark (Mildred Washington – \$250; Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$500)



Geraldine Tigner was on hand to present the second annual Aaron Tigner scholarship (\$1,000).

- Jennifer Ottenbreit (Romulus Booster Club – \$250)
- Arekeyta Porter (Aaron Tigner – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary Club/Jason Lovette Memorial – \$1,000)
- Antoinette Price (Ray Kroc – \$500; Romulus Community Schools Administrators – \$750; Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$1,000)
- Michael Sandusky (Romulus Booster Club/Doug Allen Memorial – \$400)
- Kristen Singer (Romulus Education Association Memorial – \$1,000)
- Stephen Smith (Romulus Arts Council – \$500)
- LaTonya Staple (Robert Brock – \$500)
- Melvin Stewart (Mikey G. Markus – \$500).

Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding accomplishments. □

Church Dedicated

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Faith Outreach Church of God in Christ held a dedication service for its new facility on Grover Street. Among those joining Pastor McKinley Wells for the service were Superintendent Don Shelby of Burning Bush Church; Stephen Jones, Public Relations Director, City of Romulus; and Clementine Haynes.

"This growing and vital congregation is another example of the depth of character and commitment that make up the people of Romulus," Jones said after the service. "We wish them every success, and ask that the congregation keep Romulus and City Hall in their prayers."

The service included choir and instrumental music, prayer, and the reading of a letter from Mayor Alan R. Lambert congratulating the congregation on their new facility.

A Taxing Situation

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert said that he is giving his full attention to legislation recently passed in the State House in Lansing. House Bill 4454, known as the Airport Parking Tax Act, was amended in a way that would instantly take away the \$1-million-plus in airport parking taxes that the city currently receives. These funds have historically been used to maintain various city services.

"We certainly don't think it was the Legislature's aim with this amendment to thrust the state's key passenger and cargo transportation city into financial difficulty," said Lambert. "Legislation of any kind often has to go back for further amendments and corrections. It's all a part of the democratic process. We are in Lansing to assist the House and the Senate with that democratic process."



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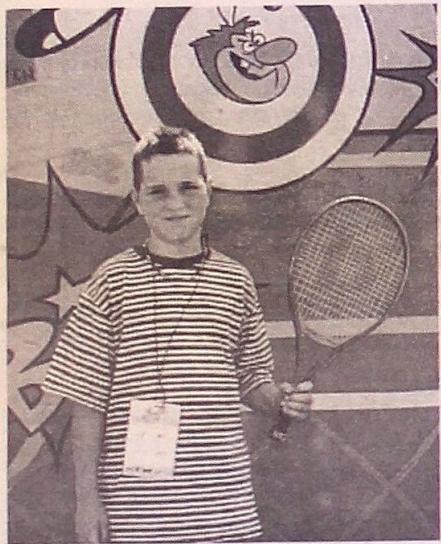
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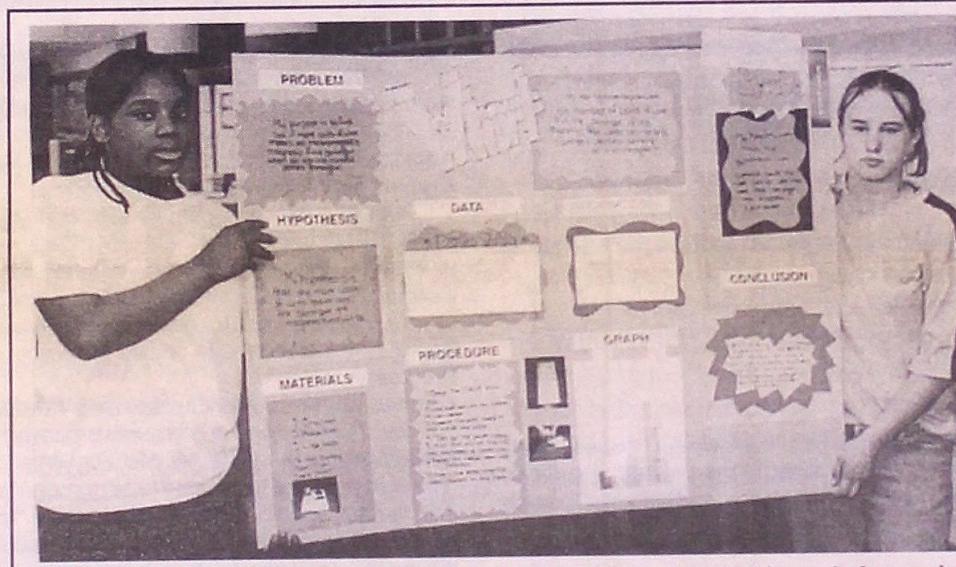
Among the many local residents who enjoyed the recent Family Fun and Awareness Day held at Romulus High School were (from left) Melissa Dufore, Travis LaPorte, and Mallory Burnett. The event featured health information booths as well as games and other family entertainment.



Proud to perform at their annual spring concert and advertise their new all-school CD were Barth Elementary students (from left) Alexis Moore, Diamond Aldson, Sheila Reeves, Kyla Barker, Kanaya Williams, and Quindai Christopher.



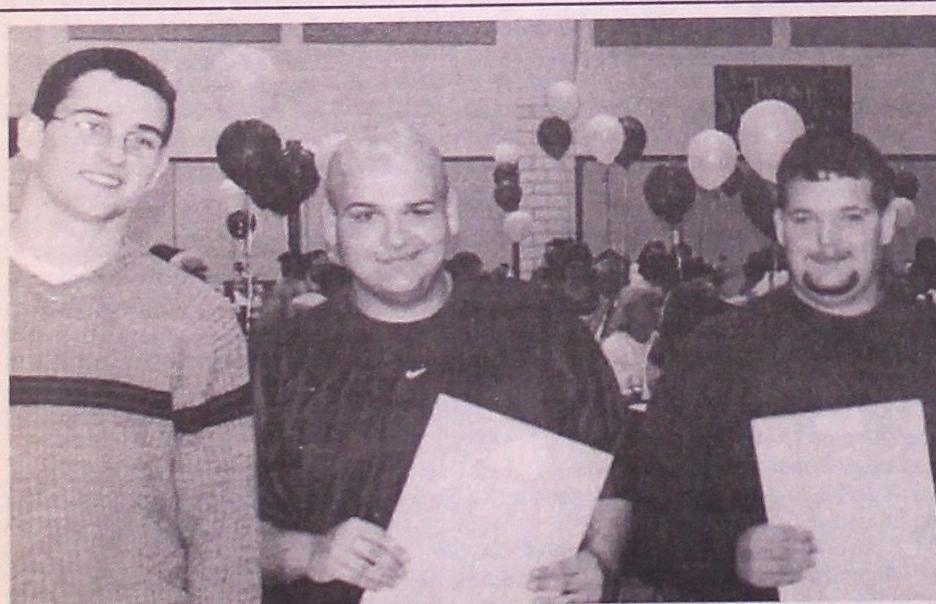
Michael Vines passed all his skills tests at the recent Smash Tennis program.



Romulus Middle School students Legina Thomas (left) and Amanda Sharp proudly show off the winning physics entry in the school's annual Science Fair.



Victoria Johnson was another of the 700 area students who took part in the Smash Tennis event.



(From left) John Schevanar, Raymond Eggers, Richard Davidson, and (not pictured) Larry Lyons are the first Romulus High School students to earn certificates of excellence from the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics through a joint MIA-Romulus Community Schools vocational education program. The four have just six more months of study to complete before taking the FAA licensing examination.



Gloria Tipton (seated), a Burton Center custodian who recently donated a kidney to her son Troy Tipton, enjoyed a special celebration in her honor when Romulus Community Schools Superintendent Joel R. Carr (left) and the district's "Fishettes" made her day with gifts and best wishes. The Discovery Channel followed the Tiptons before, during, and after the procedure, and will air a program about them sometime in the future.

Community Calendar

- Rouge Rescue** – Hike up your waders and join the Friends of the Rouge on Saturday, June 1, for an area-wide effort to clean up the river. For sites and times, call 313-792-9900.
- Car Wash Benefits St. Aloysius Youth Group** – The Youth Group at St. Aloysius Catholic Church is planning a car wash to raise money for club activities. The event is set for Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Burger King restaurant located on Wayne Road near Goddard Road.
- Motorcycle Ride Benefits Blind Children** – Motown Harley-Davidson/Buell of Taylor is proud to announce the second annual "Ride for a Reason" – the largest motorcycle ride in Michigan, with over 3,000 motorcyclists – to benefit the Penickton Center for Blind Children. Among those leading the way in this police-escorted ride on Sunday, June 2, will be Detroit Lions President Matt Millen, Lions Head Coach Marty Mornhinweg, and WCSX radio personality J.J. (Jim Johnson). The event will conclude with a free concert, featuring Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels and Big Brother & Holding Company, as well as a pig roast (\$15; 100% of money to go to Penickton Center). The ride will begin at Cabela's in Dundee (US-23 and M-50) at noon and conclude at Motown Harley-Davidson/Buell (14100 Telegraph Road) at 1 p.m. Registration will begin at Cabela's at 10 a.m.
- Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleview roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one or more of its upcoming rose-growing seminars, including: **Rose Planting Demonstrations** (Sunday, June 2, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 3, 11 a.m.), **Yesterday's Roses for Today's Gardens** (Sunday, June 9, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 10, 11 a.m.), **Dr. Buck's Hardy Roses from Iowa** (Sunday, June 16, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 17, 11 a.m.), **Insect & Disease Control for Roses** (Sunday, June 23, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 24, 11 a.m.), and **Rose Propagation Workshop** (Sunday, June 30, 1 p.m., or Monday, July 1, 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday programs. No reservation is necessary. Call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com) for more information.
- Meet the Candidates** – Voters in the Romulus Community Schools district can discuss issues with some of the candidates for Board of Education from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, at the Rudge West Community Center, located off Ecorse Road (enter at El Paso Boulevard and follow the curve). The meeting is being hosted by CORE (Citizens Of Romulus Empowerment).
- Nursery School Olympics** – A Nursery School Olympics, sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation, will include a Marshmallow Shot Put, Paper Plate Discus, Diaper Derby, Toddler Trot, and more! Ages three to five (and parents) are welcome at the event, which is set for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, at Elizabeth Park (Trenton).
- Polka Fest** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Polka Fest at the Hines Park Warrendale Picnic Area (Dearborn Heights) from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, and Sunday, July 7. Featured will be the upbeat sounds of Big Daddy Lackowski and the Duane Malinowski Orchestra. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform, as well. Food concessions and a beer tent will be available.
- Mayor's Drug Task Force Outing** – The Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at Wayne and Wick roads in Romulus) on Friday, July 12. A cost of \$75 per golfer covers play (four-person scramble format; 8:30 a.m. shotgun start), cart, commemorative shirt, lunch, refreshments, and choice of steak or chicken dinner. (Dinner only: \$50 per person.) For more information, or to register, call Mayor Alan R. Lambert's office: 734-942-7571.
- Chamber Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Thursday, August 22. To register, call Christine Fortune: 734-326-4290.
- RHS Class of 1992 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1992 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, August 17, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel in Romulus. For room reservations, call the hotel (734-728-7900); for other information, contact Andrea Johnson (313-850-7677).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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NHS Inducts 27 New Members



Inductees into Romulus High School's National Honor Society included (from left): front row – Natalie Blake, Novella Haugabook, Christian Hadden, Bethany Hotchkiss, Jeff Hoffman, Sarah Lindroth, Britany Sawdy, Rebecca Thornton, Toni Gibson, La'Joya Orr, Sabrina Gomes, LaToya Flint, and Deborah Anderson; back row – Roy Hollis, Rhiannon Crawford, Kenneth Booker, Patrick McCollum, Donald Richison, Ryan Tackett, James Davis, Kristina Rafalski, Jessica Frost, and Darnell Anderson.

The Romulus High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 27 members. NHS President Antoinette Price presided over the ceremonies, assisted by club members. Doug Hoffman, RHS Assistant Principal, welcomed guests; RHS counselor Mae Jackson was the featured speaker.

The new inductees were:

Juniors: Bethany Hotchkiss, Donald Richison, and Bethany Swauger.

Sophomores: Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, LaToya Flint, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Novella Haugabook, Jeff Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Sarah Lindroth, Patrick McCollum, Rebecca Oros, La'Joya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ryan Tackett, and Rebecca Thornton.

The NHS program also featured the presentation of honorary memberships to 38 of the district's elementary students and 6 students from the Middle School in the hope that they will continue their outstanding school work and someday become full-fledged members of the prestigious group. Membership requires

top grades as well as active involvement in school and community affairs.

The special honorees were:

Romulus Middle School: Megan Bearman, Ayibatari Burutolu, Doloris Garry, Jeanna Jendritz, Jonathon McLachlan, and Ashley Moss.

Barth Elementary: Rachel Arthur, Joshua Bolla, Kourtney Hamilton, Rebecca Lewkowicz, LeAnna Pioli, Phillip Vaghty, and Tricia Wanamaker.

Cory Elementary: Melissa Cofield, Kristen Dubisky, Chelsea Earby, Darius Ross, Kyle Sherwood, Thomas Slatinsky, and Carla Windom.

Halecreek Elementary: Cody Bailey, Tiffany Conradson, Jasmine Hollingsworth, Vaughn Liendo, Miranda McDiarmid, and Abigail Tieppo.

Merriman Elementary: Michael Behnke, Caren Brook, Jonathon Daugherty, Amanda Menser, Chiara Snook, and Julian Williams.

Romulus Elementary: Carmen Collie, Shaniya Dye, Melissa Peterson, Shauna Pitman, Jacob Pykor, and Ciera Warren.

Wick Elementary: Antoine Baines, Heather Baval, Dean Burcroft, Steven Hawes, Alisa James, and Samuel Pizzo.



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

New Program Gives At-risk People Cell Phones for 9-1-1 Service

The Romulus Senior Center – in conjunction with the Romulus Recreation Center, the Romulus Police Department, and Romulus City Hall – is establishing a program designed to get used cell phones into the hands of at-risk individuals so that they can call 9-1-1 in case of a life-threatening emergency. To make their program a success, these agencies are asking area residents to donate cell phones that have batteries and chargers.

Recreation Coordinator Debbie Justice, who was one of the first to donate phones to the program, remarked, "I would like to commend the Senior Center's staff members for all their hard work and dedication, not only with the Cellular 9-1-1 program, but with the many other ways they serve the citizens of Romulus and seniors in particular. I consider it an honor to be able to assist in this vital program."

To make your donation, or to put in an application for the use of a cell phone, call or stop in at the Center.

Sign Up for Senior Olympics

Seniors age 55 and over are invited to register for the 17th annual Downriver Senior Olympics, set for August 5–9. For a complete list of this year's events, stop in at the Center.

Bocce Ball League Forming

Anyone interested in playing competitive bocce ball for fun and exercise should register to play in the Senior Center's newly forming league. For details, contact the Center.

Senior Appreciation Picnic

The annual Senior Appreciation Picnic will be held, appropriately enough, on the first day of summer (Friday, June 21) at the Senior Center's park beginning at noon. (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held inside the Center.)

A traditional picnic lunch (featuring hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, dessert, and beverage) will be followed by bingo and card games.

Although there is no charge to take part in this event, preregistration is required.

County Hosts Senior Picnic

Free tickets are still available for the Wayne County Senior Citizens' Picnic, to be held at the Warrendale Picnic Site in Hines Park (Warren Avenue between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. Call 734-727-7373 for more information.

Senior Day at Comerica Park

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to Comerica Park on Tuesday, July 16, to see the Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. A cost of \$12.50 per person will cover transportation/parking, admission, a hot dog or slice of pizza, and a small soft drink. Sign up at the Center.

Tour of K-9 Academy

Officer Damian Hull of the Romulus Police Department has arranged for seniors to tour the local K-9 Academy to get a firsthand look at how officers and police dogs are working together to make Romulus a safe place to live. The trip is set for Wednesday, June 19, at 10 a.m. To ensure that adequate transportation is available, preregistration is required.

Walk for Fun and Exercise

The Romulus Senior Center is organizing a temporary walking club to meet three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) at 9 a.m. Walkers' distances will be recorded each day, and those reaching various milestones (5, 25, 50, 75, and 100) will be honored. Note: Days and times may vary due to schedule conflicts, etc.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, June 17, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Club #1 Wants You!

The local senior group known as Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Future meetings will include:

- June 4 (meeting, games, bag lunch);
- June 11 (meeting, games, bag lunch);
- June 18 (bingo, pot luck); and
- June 25 (lunch out; miniature golf). □

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Senior Citizen Program Coordinator Linda Norman (left) and Recreation Coordinator Debbie Justice are excited about their new program that puts used cell phones into the hands of at-risk individuals for emergency use.

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Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.		

Obituaries**Constance Ann Adams**

Constance Ann Adams of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 18, 2002, at the age of 46.

The native of Shelby County, Tennessee, was born on April 6, 1956. She was employed at Rivergate Terrace Convalescent Home, and was a member of several bowling leagues.

Constance is survived by two sons, Gerald G. Gilbertson (Toledo, OH) and Brian Wilson (Romulus); a daughter, Rose M. Wilson (Toledo); three brothers, Donald R. (Allen Park, MI), Robert A. (Toledo), and William E. Thie (Honolulu,

HI); a sister, Deborah R. Trombley (Toledo); a grandmother, Voleta Jensen (Toledo); and two grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were her parents, Donald A. and Dolores R. (Eddy) Thie.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Cremation arrangements were made by All Society Cremation Service (Canton, MI).

Stewart Dalphine

Stewart Dalphine of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, May 13, 2002. He was 49 years old.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on March 30, 1953.

Stewart is survived by his daughter, Vita (Ronala) Wolfe-Parham (Romulus); his son, Pierre Stewart (Romulus); his mother, Geraldine Watkins (Romulus); one brother, Roger Wolf (Detroit); two sisters, Karen (Romulus) and Elaine

Watkins (Texas); and three grandchildren, Siera Stewart, Shakita Wilson, and Ronald Parham.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 20, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (Wayne, MI), with Pastor Virgil Humes officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery (Canton, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Alice R. Green

Alice R. Green of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 23, 2002, at the age of 84.

The native of Harlan, Kentucky, was born on April 19, 1918. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #185-VA and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (Wayne, MI).

Alice is survived by a son, John R. "JR" Blevins (Sierra Vista, CA); a daughter, Mrs. Cora (James) Mattson (Romulus); a half-sister, Mrs. Oreda Ray (Jonesville, VA); two stepsisters, Mrs. Ora Reed (Warren, MI) and Mrs. Delores Cain (Harlan); a grandmother, Mrs. Teresa (Colin) Jordan; nine grandchil-

dren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Among those predeceasing her were her husband, John F. Green, and a son, James F. Blevins.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 25, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Ladies Missionary Club.

Curtis Young

Curtis Young of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, May 17, 2002, at the age of 68.

The native of Union, South Carolina, was born on February 16, 1934. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was employed at the Ford Motor Co. Environment Romulus Plant until his retirement in 1996.

Curtis is survived by two sons, Curtis O. Clark (Taylor, MI) and Paul A. Davenport (Inkster, MI); seven daughters, Mrs. Richard (Kim) Chapell (Brighton, MI), Ethel Clark (Detroit, MI), Mrs. Orthea Johnson (Detroit), Mrs. David (Dimita)

Clark (Port Huron, MI), Nicolette (Chicago, IL), Ms. Rhonda Powell (Inkster), and Charlotte; a brother, Mr. William Young (Romulus); thirty grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing him were his brother, Mack, and his sister, Christine.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Grover Cline (First Baptist Church) officiating.

Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Service.

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